

**Hurricane Harvey
Region 6 PIAT Accomplishments & Forecasts
August 31, 2017**

Lead

Updated important deadlines for PIATs
Provided TX state agency contacts to Field PIO
Forwarded news release to PIATs for notifications and posting

Engagement

EJ/NGO/Tribal contact list
Press Release notification for Local, State, Federal Joint Statement on Texas Chemical Plant Fire
Press Release notification for EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for 38 States and Washington, D.C.
Updated Congressional and State Contact List
Forecast:
 Request from Environment Texas for list of Superfund Site affected by flooding
 EJ/NGO/Tribal contact list finalized

Information Management

FOIA Requests

- 8/31/2017 – 2 FOIA Requests from Buzzfeed News
 - no due date, incomplete requests, asked for more information from requester
 - Assigned to 6MD & 6SF
 - More FOIA Requests will be coming in
- Public Complaints/Inquiries
 - 8/31/2017 – 1 Total (PIC Line)

Media

Media clips at 0900, 1330 and 1530
Draft updated talking points for field personnel – pending
7 new media inquiries, 6 open as of 1530
 NPR (x2—one open and one closed), Huffington Post, Politico, CNN, Intl. Business Times, Texas Tribune
1 inquiry open from 8/30

- Houston Public Media

2 requests for Arkema RMP

- Dallas Morning News, AP

Distribute Crosby fire statement to Texas and Louisiana media
Trends: High interest in Arkema facility fire and RMP
Forecast: Continued focus on specific long-term environmental and public health impacts

Research/Fact Finding

Met with Superfund Remediation Branch Manager, John Meyer and Section Chief, Blake Atkins to discuss requests for Fact Sheets for 31 Superfund Sites in Texas areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. John Meyer suggested links to Site Sub-pages/Site Summaries, as information is more comprehensive, as opposed to the latest Fact Sheets that are more “issue” driven. All Site Summaries will be updated by the Branch by COB, Friday, September 1, 2017. Provided via email and uploaded chart on SharePoint, links to all Superfund Sites Summary Pages, as requested. Completed PIC Contact List and uploaded to SharePoint Site.

Web/IT

Reposted and retweeted HQ social media to R6 platforms: 7 on 8/31 (4 tweets, 3 Facebook posts) and 8 on 8/30 (3 tweets, 5 Facebook posts).

Posted two HQ news releases to the HH response website:

News Release: EPA Statement on Reported Explosion at Chemical Plant in Crosby, Texas
EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for 38 States and Washington, D.C.

Produced maps of Texas and the disaster declared counties and parishes in Texas and Louisiana.